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DEFINITION OF PROBLEM FOR RESEARCH PROJECT:

I. Agent selection, Assessment, Evaluation, Conditioning for Recruitment

A. Basic personality profile (comprehensive)

B. Cultural aspects of [redacted] personality organization H-B/3

C. Special study of motivation (negative/positive), adaptive capacity, physical equipment, attitudes/beliefs/sentiments, performance (stress, defense mechanisms, etc.)

D. Conditioning of behavior (mentation, motivation, attitudes, adjustive capacity, etc.)

(Time, Capabilities, Personnel, Organization of Research, Availability of subjects, Methodology, etc.)

II. Effect of Chemical Agents on Behavior (intelligence aspects)

A. Inventory of drugs having potential value for operations

B. Description of drug action on behavior (administration, (oral, etc.) latency, duration, antagonist to drug action, side-effects, after-effects, reliability)

C. Experimentation and Research (animal and human)

D. Recommendations for operational use.

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important by-products are also to be expected, such as: better debriefing techniques, speedier briefing and assimilation of instructions, greater security safeguards, and above all a better working understanding of the individual human organisism that is the agent.

The current Agency program dealing with these subjects, known as ARTICHOKE, by virtue of the extreme sensitivity of the techniques and substances employed has been kept on the strictest need to know basis. A program which this project proposes will involve similar techniques and substances as well as operations and experimentation of an even more sensitive nature. For this reason and also for the protection of the proposed panel of consultants selected on the basis of their eminence in the fields of medicine, psychology and related fields, it is believed that knowledge of this project should be confined on the strictest basis and that normal staffing procedures should be streamlined to include only those key persons within the Agency having a direct responsibility for a project of this nature.

In view of the ARTICHOKE responsibility resting in the Office of Security and in view of the special operational requirements of the [redacted] Division, this project is presented jointly through these two offices.

2. AREA OF OPERATIONS

Preliminary research and experimentation will be conducted in the [redacted] area. Operational activity will also be undertaken in those areas in the [redacted] affording access to actual or potential agent personnel,

including: [redacted] and such other areas in the [redacted] where operationally feasible.

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Project is to securely exploit, along operational lines, scientific methods and knowledge that can be utilized in altering the attitudes, beliefs, thought processes, and behavior patterns of agent personnel. This will include the application of tested psychiatric and psychological techniques including, the use of hypnosis in conjunction with drugs.

4. BACKGROUND

During the past several years CIA has expended considerable time and effort on research and experimentation within the framework of the ARTICHOKE program in order to ascertain the feasibility of applying certain scientific techniques and theories to operational problems and situations. This program has primarily been concerned with the defensive aspect of protecting CIA personnel and assets from enemy services employing similar techniques, and the utilization of these techniques in interrogation and offensive situations. Parallel to the ARTICHOKE Program, [redacted] division has been engaged in limited research and training in the aforementioned scientific fields with a view towards employing these techniques in Positive Intelligence, Counter Espionage and Political/Psychological operations in the [redacted] There has been a free exchange of information between CIA personnel of subjects of mutual interest in these fields.

Research and operations within a limited field clearly indicates that these techniques constitutes a potential within a wider field of offensive and defensive operations.

5. REFERENCES:

B/3 ARTICHOKE, [redacted] the [redacted] anning Paper.

6. OBJECTIVES

a. To establish a coordinated program designed to effect maximum utilization of CIA knowledge and assets in carrying out specific operations facilitated through the application of certain known psychiatric and psychological techniques.

b. To covertly exploit an overt research foundation to be established B/3 in [redacted]. This foundation will be ostensibly concerned with the study of individual mores, customs, values, social structure and motivation factors peculiar to cultural, national, social, geographic and occupational groups.

c. To select and process agent personnel for use against high priority F targets in the [redacted] particularly on th[redacted]

d. To affect maximum exploitation of existing [redacted] operations and assets in order to select agent personnel and facilitate the mounting of specific operations.

e. To utilize competent professional personnel outside CIA to work with selected CIA staff officers in carrying out specific operations under

this project.

f. To provide for the training and indoctrination of CIA staff officers so that they become professionally competent to process and handle agent personnel exposed to these techniques.

g. To test and develop these techniques in the [redacted] with a view towards world-wide application.

h. To establish the necessary procedures, and a mechanism for effecting the above objectives.

7. TARGETS

Within the framework of this project agent personnel will be selected from almost every level of society. They will have a variety of environmental background, and represent a cross section of professional or occupational backgrounds. For the most part these individuals will be of [redacted] ancestry, the majority being [redacted] with a history of [redacted] under the [redacted] governments. Agents processed under this project will be of sufficient caliber and have the necessary qualifications to provide for their eventual access to high priority targets in the [redacted] especially on the [redacted]

8. TASKS

a. To establish in Headquarters and the Field a component responsible for coordination, support and guidance to domestic and [redacted] elements concerned with carrying out specific operations under this project.

b. To establish a "John Doe" research foundation for the study of Human Ecology at the [redacted]

c. To review existing [redacted] operations and assets that can be

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utilized in support of this project.

d. To assess selected agent personnel in order to accurately predict their future performance, suitability for assignment and susceptibility to defection and/or [redacted] indoctrination techniques.

e. To wittingly or unwittingly precondition selected agent personnel to accept clandestine missions in [redacted].

f. To induce selected agent personnel to perform acts of a complex, purposeful nature, the effects of which may be out of keeping with the individuals previous behavior; dangerous to his being; contrary to any previous conscious expressed intentions and interests; contrary to the good of the individual and subversive to the goals for which they are allegedly working.

g. To build into agent personnel a durable motivation which will resist hostile interrogations and political indoctrination, and sustain him over a long period of time against the environmental stresses and subtle influences effecting his mission.

h. To train and indoctrinate staff officers in the procedures and techniques employed within this project.

9. PERSONNEL

a. The following personnel will all be employed within the cover foundation, [redacted] in addition to those personnel listed below, certain staff officers will be concerned with this project both in Headquarters and in the Field. The student fellow personnel listed will be used unwittingly in practical experimentation within the cover foundation. At such time as these agent personnel and/or

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... personnel from existing [redacted] operat...
specific operational use, they will be covered

NO. OF PERSONNEL	TITLE
1	Director [redacted]
1	Executive, Director
1	Agency Liaison Officer
2	Research Analyst
1	Research Psychologist
1	Psychiatrist
1	Cultural Anthropologist
2	Sociologist
1	Laboratory Technicians
3	Hypnotic Technician
1	Hypnotic Specialist
1	Neurologist
3	Research Associate (Sociology)
8	Secretarial and Clerk Typist
	Agents (Student Fellowship)

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b. Personnel Data

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